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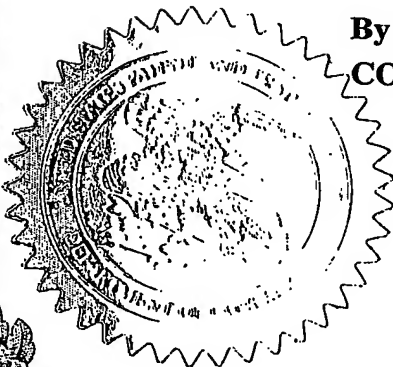
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BACKGROUND OF THE INVENTION

The present invention relates to a photocurable adhesive composition and its use in the optical field.

5 It is a common practice in the art to coat at least one face of an ophthalmic lens with several coatings for imparting to the finished lens additional or improved optical or mechanical properties.

Thus, it is usual practice to coat at least one face of an ophthalmic lens, typically made of an organic glass material, with successively, starting
10 from the face of the lens, an impact resistant coating (impact resistant primer), a scratch resistant coating (hard coat), an anti-reflecting coating and, optionally, a hydrophobic top coat. Other coatings such as polarized coating, photochromic or dyeing coating may also be applied onto one or both faces of the ophthalmic lens.

15 Numerous processes and methods have been proposed for coating a face of an ophthalmic lens and are disclosed.

US 2003/0017340 describes one process or method for transferring a coating from at least one mold part onto at least a geometrically defined surface of a lens blank comprises:

- 20 - providing a lens blank having at least one geometrically defined surface;
- providing a support or mold part having an internal surface bearing a coating and an external surface;
- depositing on said geometrically defined surface of said lens blank
25 or on said coating a pre-measured amount of a curable adhesive composition;
- moving relatively to each other the lens blank and the support to either bring the coating into contact with curable adhesive composition or bring the curable adhesive composition into contact
30 with the geometrically defined surface of the lens blank;
- applying a sufficient pressure onto the external surface of the support so that the thickness of a final adhesive layer once the curable composition cured is less than 100 micrometers;
- curing the layer of adhesive composition; and

- withdrawing the support or mold part to recover the lens blank with the coating adhered onto the geometrically defined surface of said lens blank.

By pre-measured amount, one means a sufficient amount of curable adhesive composition to obtain transfer and adhesion of the coating to the lens blank.

Preferably the coating is transferred to the back surface of the lens blank (back side treatment or BST).

The curable adhesive composition not only must allow a quick and safe transfer of the coating from the support onto the lens blank surface and a good adhesion of the coating onto the lens blank surface but also must not impair the optical and mechanical properties of the resulting ophthalmic lens, such as good adhesion, haze, no application stain and resistance to thermal cracking (critical temperature).

Application stain refers to the existence of an area of increased haze level, on the lens blank, coinciding with the initial adhesive composition application area. The Haze may be observed if the adhesive composition was allowed to sit on the lens blank surface for longer than 20 seconds before undergoing the surface transfer process.

Additionally, the cured adhesive composition layer must have a refractive index close to that of the substrate.

SUMMARY OF THE INVENTION

Thus, an object of the invention is to provide a photocurable adhesive composition which overcomes the drawbacks of the prior art curable adhesive compositions, in particular for use in a coating transfer process;

a further object of the invention is to provide a photocurable adhesive composition as above which not only results in a good adhesion of the coating onto the substrate but also does not impair the optical and mechanical properties of the final product, in particular haze, application stain and resistance to thermal cracking.

Another object of the invention is to provide a photocurable adhesive composition as above which after curing has a refractive index close to that of the substrate.

These and other objects which will become apparent in the following description are reached according to the invention by providing a photocurable adhesive composition comprising, a percentage of at least one mono or polyacrylate monomer or oligomer thereof (A); a percentage of at least one thio(meth)acrylate monomer or oligomer thereof (B); and a percentage of at least one aromatic dimethacrylate monomer or oligomer thereof (C) with the proviso that the composition does not contain a brominated monofunctional acrylate.

In some embodiments, the invention involves a photocurable adhesive composition comprising 20 to 60 wt% (A); 30 to 50 wt% (B); and/or 20 to 40 wt% (C) with the understanding that the composition cannot contain more than 100% total of (A), (B), and (C). Some preferred embodiments of the invention relate to a photocurable adhesive composition comprising, based on the total weight of the photopolymerizable monomers and/or oligomers of the composition: 20 to 60 wt% (A); 20 to 50 wt% (B); and 20 to 40 wt% (C); with the proviso that the composition does not contain a brominated monofunctional acrylate. In some more specific embodiments, the photocurable adhesive composition comprises 20 to 50 wt% (A); 30 to 50 wt% (B); and 20 to 40 wt% (C). In even more specific embodiments, the photocurable adhesive composition may comprise 20 to 40 wt% (A); 35 to 45 wt% (B); and 25 to 35 wt% (C).

Preferably, the photocurable adhesive composition does not contain any brominated acrylate.

More preferably, the photocurable adhesive composition does not contain any monomer including a bromo atom.

In a preferred embodiment, the mono or polyacrylate monomers (A) have a calculated solubility parameter ranging from 8 to 12, preferably 8.5 to 11.5 (cal/cm³)^{1/2}.

Also, the preferred mono or polyacrylate monomers (A) have a molecular weight less than 500, preferably ≤ 350 .

For each component of the composition, the oligomer has preferably a molecular weight less than 10000.

Most preferably, no oligomer is present in the photocurable adhesive composition.

The present invention also concerns a process or method for transferring a coating from a support onto a surface of a thermoplastic material substrate comprising:

- 5 - providing a thermoplastic material substrate having at least one main surface;
- providing a support having an internal surface bearing a coating and an external surface;
- depositing on said main surface of the substrate or on said coating a pre-measured amount of a curable adhesive composition;
- 10 - moving relatively to each other the substrate and the support to either bring the coating into contact with the curable adhesive composition or bring the curable adhesive composition into contact with the main surface of the substrate;
- applying a sufficient pressure onto the external surface of the support so that the thickness of a final adhesive layer once the curable composition has cured is less than 100 μm ;
- 15 - curing the layer of adhesive composition; and
- withdrawing the support to recover a substrate with the coating adhered onto the main surface of the substrate, wherein the curable adhesive composition is a photocurable adhesive composition as defined above.
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The present invention also concerns an overmolding process which comprises:

- 25 - providing a thermoplastic material substrate having at least one main surface;
- providing a mold part having an internal surface and an external surface;
- depositing on said main surface of the substrate or on said internal surface of the mold part a pre-measured amount of a curable adhesive composition as disclosed above;
- 30 - moving relatively to each other the substrate and the mold part to either bring the internal surface of the mold part or the main surface of the substrate in contact with the curable adhesive composition;

- applying a sufficient pressure onto the external surface of the mold part to uniformly spread the curable adhesive composition and form a uniform layer, once cured, having a thickness of at least 200 μm ;
- 5 - curing the layer of adhesive composition; and
- withdrawing the mold parts to recover the substrate overmolded with a cured layer of the curable adhesive composition.

The overmolded cured layer of adhesive composition has preferably a thickness of at least 500 μm .

10 By internal surface of the support or the mold part, we mean the surface of the support or the mold part facing one main surface of the thermoplastic material substrate.

The present invention further concerns a process for making laminated thermoplastic articles such as laminated ophthalmic lenses, which comprises
15 depositing a pre-measured amount of a photocurable adhesive composition on a main surface of a first part made of thermoplastic material, bringing into contact the deposited photocurable adhesive composition with a main surface of a second part made of thermoplastic material, pressing the first and second parts against each other to uniformly spread the curable
20 adhesive composition to form a uniform thin layer and photocuring the thin layer to obtain a laminated article, wherein the photocurable adhesive composition is as defined above.

Preferably, the parts are ophthalmic lens elements and are made of polycarbonate.

25 By pre-measured amount, one means a sufficient amount of photocurable adhesive composition to obtain transfer and adhesion of the coating or overmolding of the substrate or adhesion of the two parts.

BRIEF DESCRIPTION OF THE DRAWINGS

The foregoing and other objects, features and advantages of the present invention will become readily apparent to those skilled in the art from a reading of the detailed description hereafter when considered in conjunction with the accompanying drawings wherein:

- Fig. 1A to Fig. 1C are schematic views of the main steps of a first embodiment of the process of the invention for transferring a coating onto an optical surface of a lens blank; and
- 10 - Fig. 2A to Fig. 2C are schematic views of the main steps of a second embodiment of the process of the invention wherein coatings are simultaneously transferred to both optical surfaces of a lens blank; and
- 15 - Fig. 3A and Fig. 3B are schematic views of the main steps of a third embodiment of the process of the invention using an inflatable membrane apparatus.

DETAILED DESCRIPTION OF THE PREFERRED EMBODIMENT

20 The first component (A) of the photocurable adhesive composition of the invention consists of at least one mono or polyacrylate monomer, preferably a diacrylate monomer or oligomer thereof. Preferably, mono or polyacrylate monomers (A) have a solubility parameter ranging from 8 to 12 $(\text{cal}/\text{cm}^3)^{1/2}$, preferably from 8.5 to 11.5 $(\text{cal}/\text{cm}^3)^{1/2}$ and a molecular weight of
25 less than 500, preferably of 350 or less and typically between 200 and 300, most preferably between 200 and 275.

The solubility parameters of the acrylate monomers (A) are calculated using the group distribution method, using in the calculation the group values as determined by Hoy (Hoy's group contribution values can be found in Band
30 Up J, and E.H. Immerget, ed S. Polymer Handbook 3rd ed. John Wiley and Sons, New York 1989) [pages 524-525).

Preferably, the acrylate monomers (A) are non aromatic acrylate monomers. Also preferably, the acrylate monomers (A) are low refractive index acrylate monomers.

By low refractive index acrylate monomers it is meant acrylate monomers which by homopolymerisation result in homopolymers having refractive indices, n_D^{25} , ranging from 1.47 to 1.53.

Among the preferred acrylate monomers (A) there may be cited:

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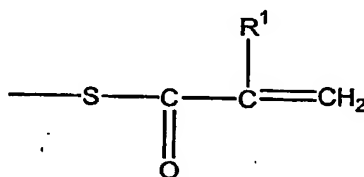
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| Diethyleneglycoldiacrylate | 9.44 | 214 |
| Triethyleneglycoldiacrylate | 9.40 | 258 |
| Tetraethyleneglycoldiacrylate | 9.46 | 302 |
| Neopentylglycoldiacrylate | 8.56 | 212 |
| 1,6-hexanedioldiacrylate | 8.84 | 226 |
| Tetrahydrofurfurylacrylate | 8.99 | 156 |

Of course mixtures of acrylate monomers may be used for component (A).

Component (A) represents 20 to 60 %, preferably 25 to 40 % by weight of the total weight of the photopolymerizable monomers and/or oligomers of the composition.

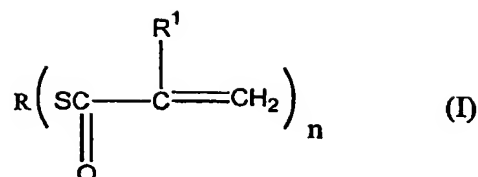
The second component (B) of the photocurable adhesive composition according to the invention consists of a least one thio(meth)acrylate monomer or oligomer thereof.

In the meaning of the present invention a thio(meth)acrylate monomer is a compound having at least one thio(meth)acrylate functional group, preferably two thio(meth)acrylate functional groups, of formula:

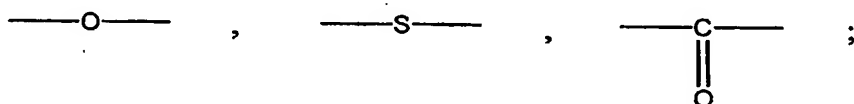


wherein R¹ is H or -CH₃.

Preferably, monomers of component (B) are of formula:

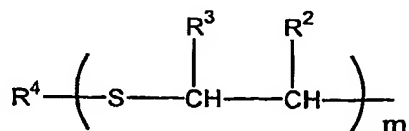


wherein R is a linear or branched, monovalent or polyvalent, aliphatic hydrocarbon radical, or a monovalent or polyvalent aromatic group directly linked to the sulfur atom of the thio(meth)acrylate group(s) through an aromatic ring or by means of a linear alkyl chain, the radical R may include in its chain one or more groups selected from:



10 R^1 is H or $-\text{CH}_3$; and
n is an integer from 1 to 6, preferably from 1 to 3.

Among the linear or branched, monovalent R radicals, there may be cited the linear or branched (C_1 - C_5) alkyl radicals and the radicals of formula:



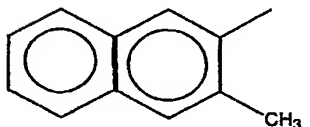
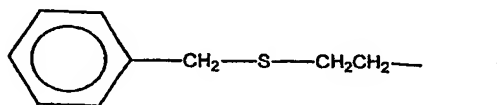
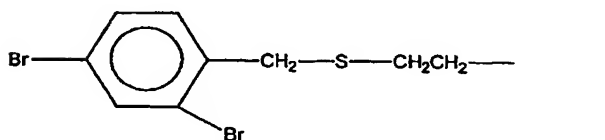
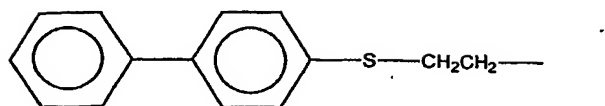
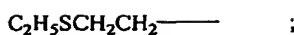
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wherein R^2 and R^3 are, independently from each other, H or a linear or branched (C_1 - C_5) alkyl radical,

R^4 is a linear or branched (C_1 - C_5) alkyl radical, a (C_1 - C_7) aralkyl radical or a
20 (C_6 - C_{12}) aryl radical, optionally substituted, in particular with alkyl groups and/or halogens, and m is an integer from 1 to 4.

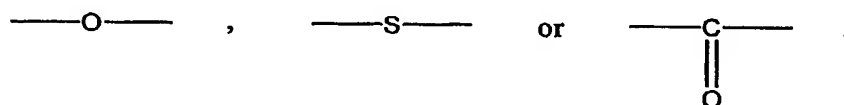
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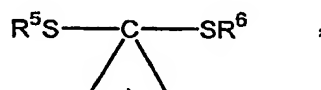


Monomers of formula (I) for which $n = 1$ and as defined above, are disclosed in particular in patents US-A-4606864, JP-63316766 and EP-A-0384725.

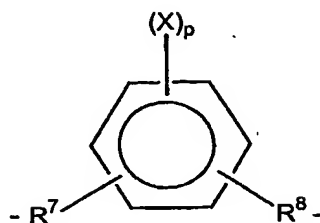
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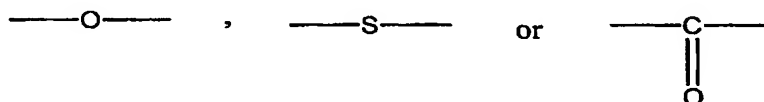
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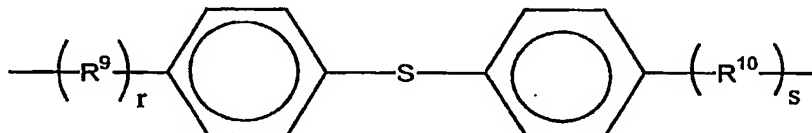
in which R^5 and R^6 are (C_1-C_5) radicals; radicals of formula:



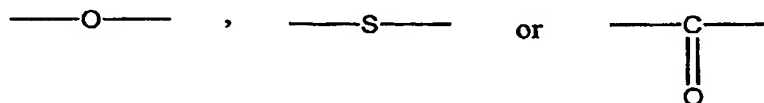
- 5 in which R^7 and R^8 are linear or branched (C_1-C_5) alkylene groups, optionally having in their chains one or more groups



- 10 and X is selected among (C_1-C_5) alkyl radicals and halogens, and p is an integer from 0 to 4;
and radicals of formula:

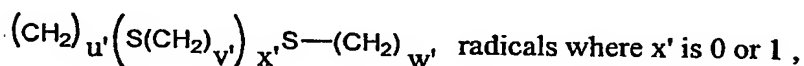
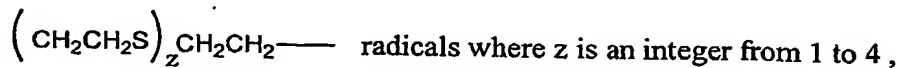
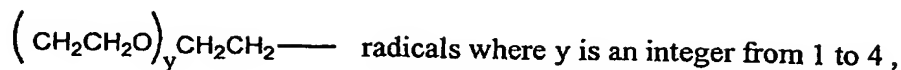
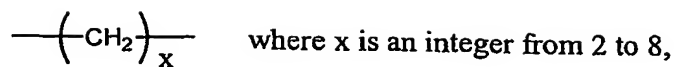


- 15 in which R^9 and R^{10} are linear or branched (C_1-C_5) alkyl radicals, optionally having in their chains one or more groups



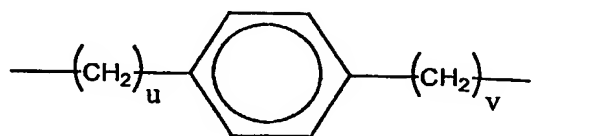
- 20 and r and s are 0 or 1.

Among preferred divalent R radicals, there may be cited radicals:



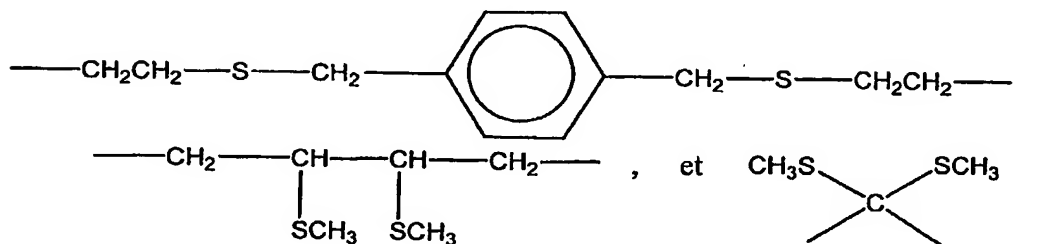
and u', v', w' are integers from 2 to 6,
radicals of formula:

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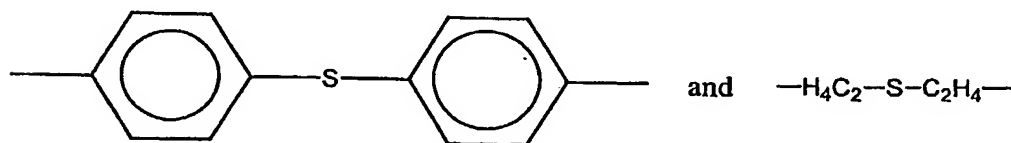
where u and v are integers from 1 to 4,

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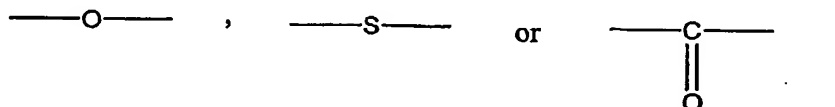
Particularly preferred divalent R radicals are :

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Divalent monomers of formula (I) are disclosed among others in EP-A-273661, EP-A-273710, EP-A-384725.

Among trivalent radicals R of monomers of formula (I), there may be cited (C_3-C_{10}) alkylthiyl radicals, optionally having in their chains one or more groups

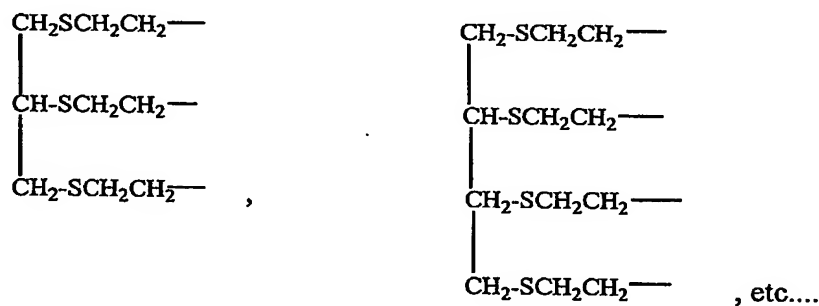


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trivalent alkylaryl radicals with alkyl chains optionally including one or more groups -S- or -O-, and trivalent aryl groups.

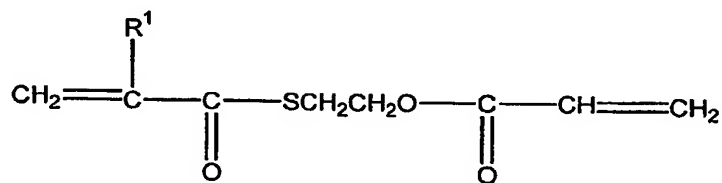
Among trivalent R radicals or of higher valency, there may be cited:

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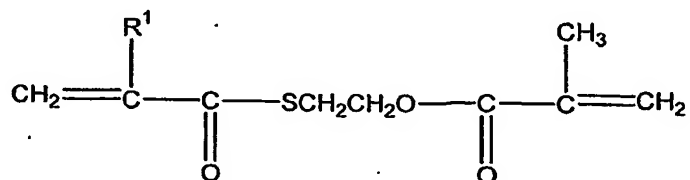


Among the most preferred monomers of formula (I), there may be cited:

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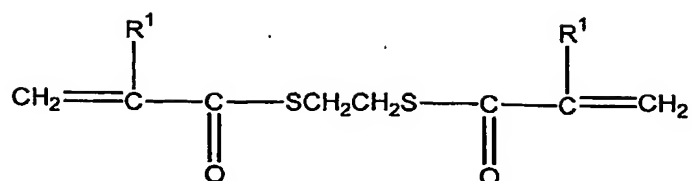


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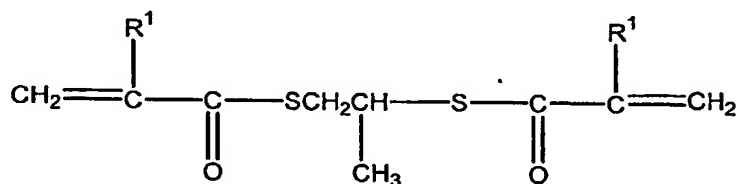


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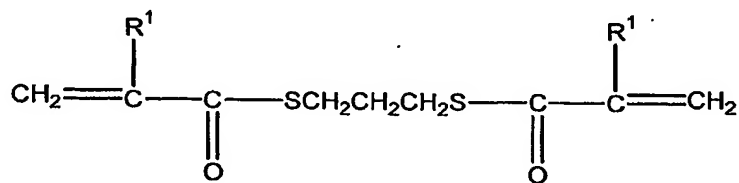


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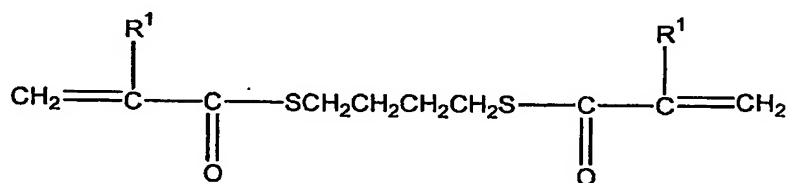
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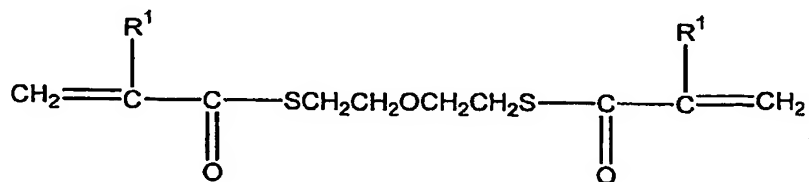


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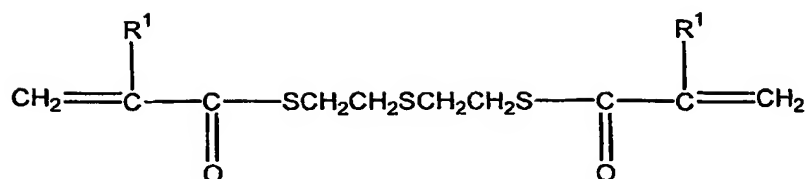
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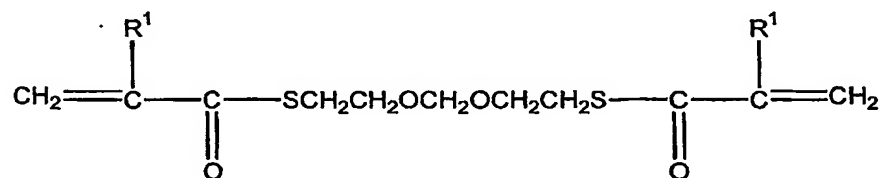
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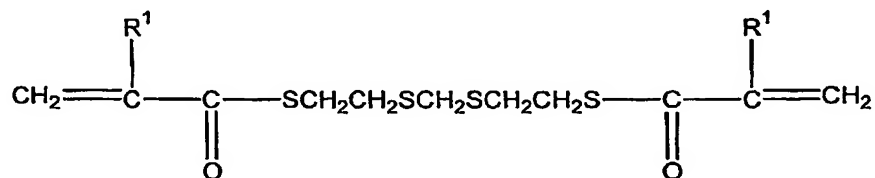


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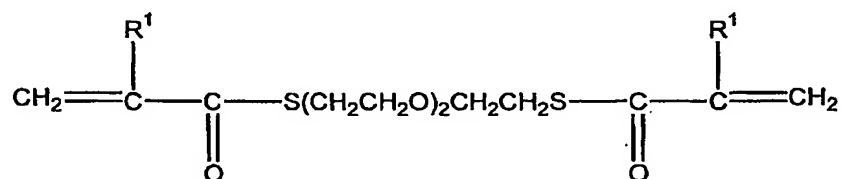
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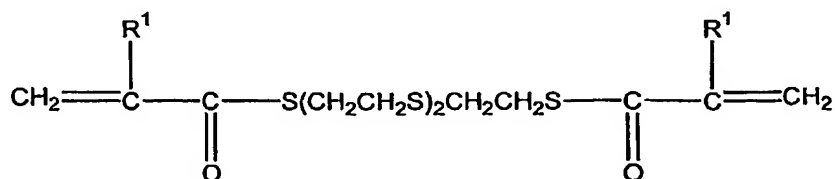


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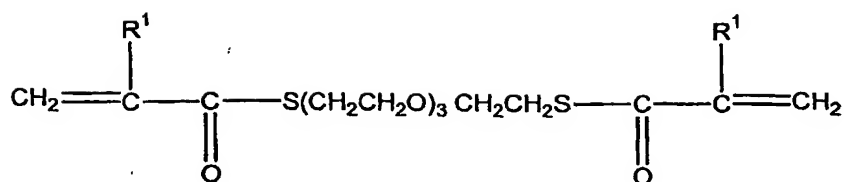


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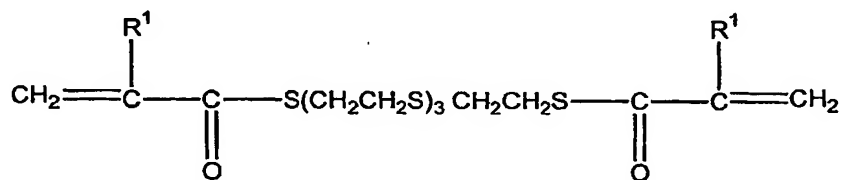


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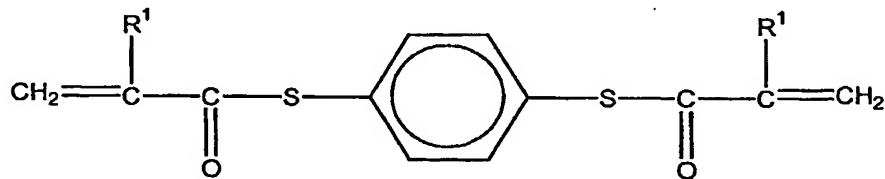


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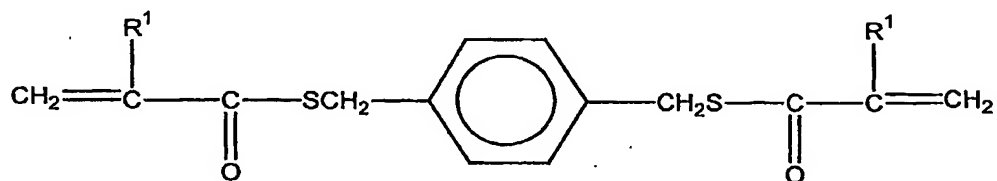
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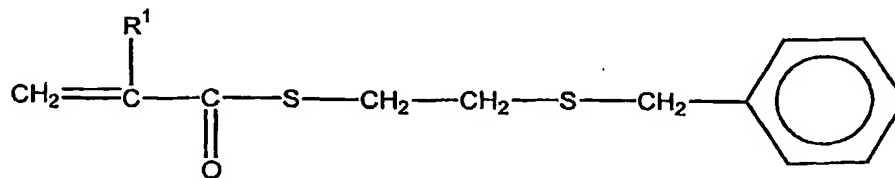


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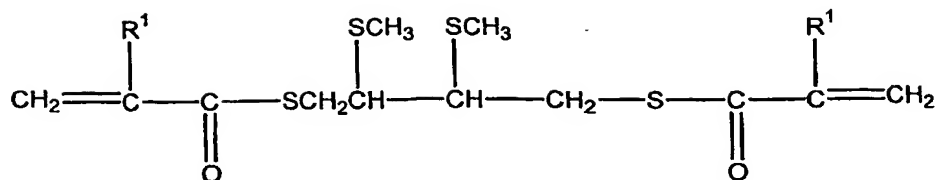


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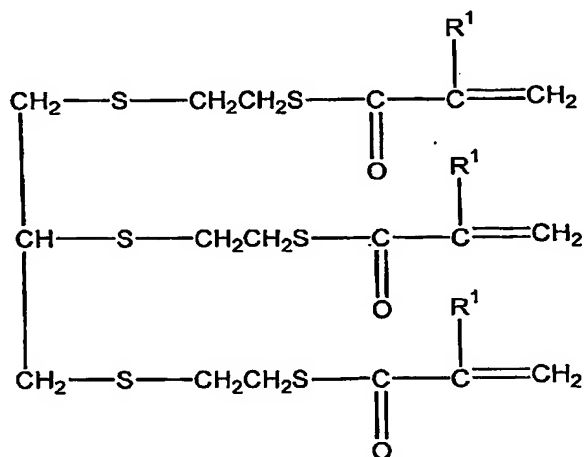


Benzythioethylthio(meth)acrylate,

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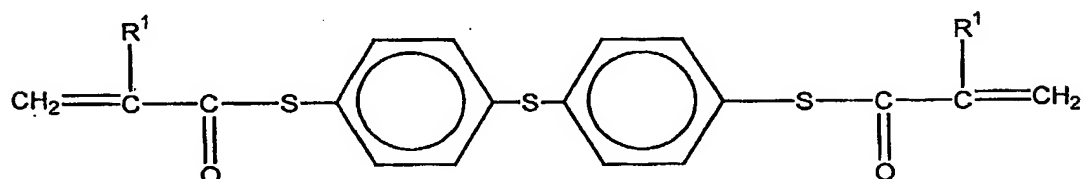


1,4-[bis(meth)acryloylthio]-2,3-dimethylthiobutane,



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1,2,3-tris[(meth)acryloylthioethyl]thiolpropane, and

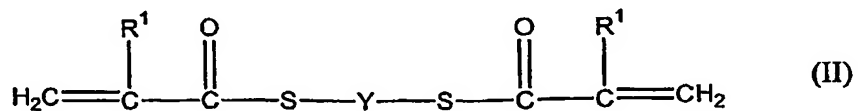


10 bis[(meth)acryloylthiophenyl]sulfide,

where R^1 is H or CH_3 .

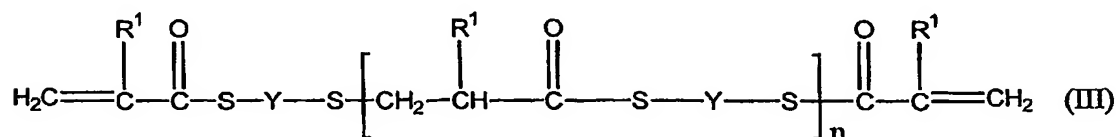
A preferred class of thio(meth)acrylate monomers are monomers of formula:

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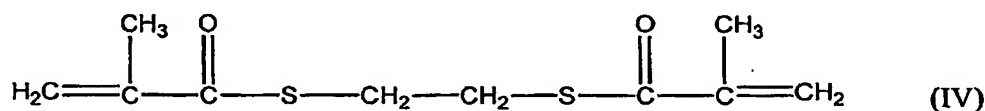
in which Y represents a linear or branched (C_2 - C_{12}) alkylene group, a (C_3 - C_{12}) cycloalkylene group, a (C_6 - C_{14}) arylene group or a (C_7 - C_{26}) alkarylene

group, the hydrocarbon chains of Y being optionally interrupted by one or more oxygen and/or sulfur atoms, and R¹ is H or CH₃;
monomers of formula:

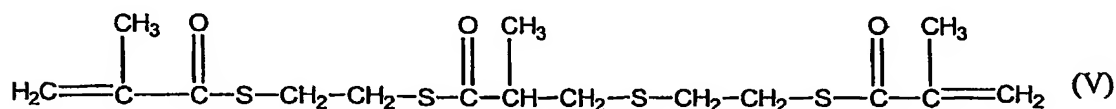


in which R¹ and Y are defined as above and n is an integer from 1 to 6; and mixtures thereof.

A particularly preferred monomer of formula (II) is a monomer of formula:



A particularly preferred monomer of formula (III) is a monomer of formula:



Monomers of formulas (II) and (III) are disclosed in patent US-5,384,379.

The most preferred thio(meth)acrylate monomers (B) are bis-2-(methacryloylthioethyl)sulfide (BMTES) and bis(methacryloylthiophenyl)sulfide (BMTPS), in particular BMTES.

Preferably, the thio(meth)acrylate monomer of component (B) is a high refractive index thio(meth)acrylate monomer.

In the meaning of the present invention, a high refractive index monomer is a monomer which by homopolymerization results in an homopolymer having a refractive index, n_D²⁵, of at least 1.55, preferably 1.6 or more.

Of course, mixtures of thio(meth)acrylate monomers can be used as component (B).

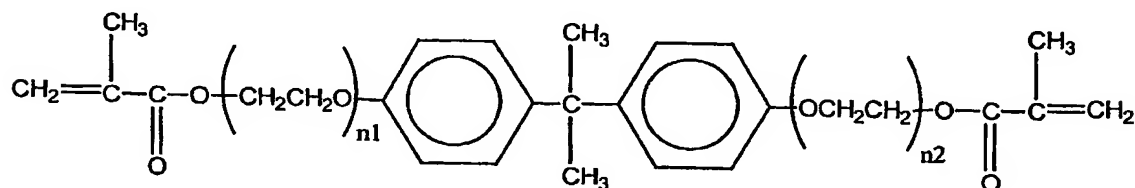
The amount of component (B) present in the photocurable adhesive composition of the invention will range from 30 to 50%, preferably 35 to 45%

by weight based on the total weight of the photopolymerizable monomers and/or oligomers of the composition.

The third component (C) of the photocurable composition of the present invention consists of at least one aromatic dimethacrylate monomer or oligomer thereof.

Preferred aromatic dimethacrylate monomers are alkoxyated bisphenol-A dimethacrylate, in particular ethoxylated bisphenol-A dimethacrylate.

Preferred monomers (C) are monomers of formula:



in which $n_1 + n_2$ ranges from 2 to 10, preferably from 2 to 6.

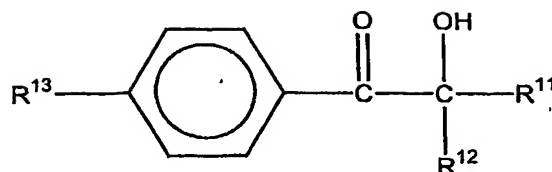
Among the preferred ethoxylated bisphenol-A dimethacrylate monomers, there may be cited ethoxylated (2) bisphenol-A dimethacrylate, ethoxylated (4) bisphenol-A dimethacrylate, ethoxylated (8) bisphenol-A dimethacrylate and ethoxylated (10) bisphenol-A dimethacrylate.

Of course, mixtures of aromatic dimethacrylate monomers can be used for component (C).

Component (C) represents 20 to 40%, preferably 25 to 35% by weight of the total weight of the photopolymerizable monomers and/or oligomers of the composition.

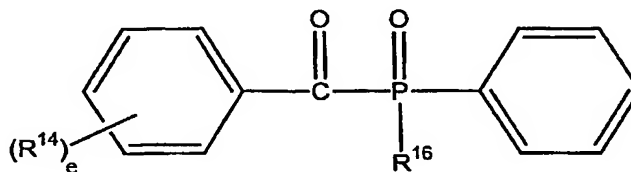
As the photopolymerization initiator, any widely known compound can be used without limitation that is added for photopolymerizing the polymerizable monomers. Among the photopolymerization initiators that can be suitably used in the present invention, there may be cited benzophenone compounds, acetophenone compounds, α -dicarbonyl compounds, acylphosphine oxide compounds, bisacylphosphine oxide compounds and mixtures thereof.

More specifically speaking, photoinitiator compounds can be represented by the following formula:



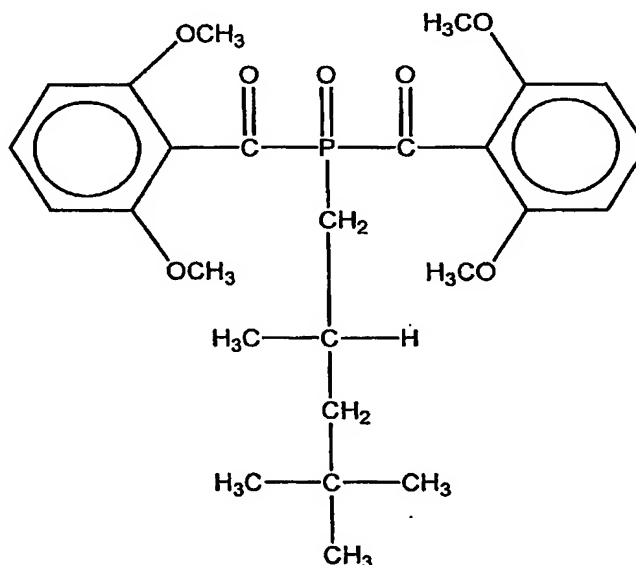
wherein R^{11} and R^{12} are alkyl groups which together may form a cyclohexane ring, and R^{13} is an alkyl group or a hydrogen atom,

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wherein R^{14} is the same or different and is a methyl group, a methoxy group or a chlorine atom, e is 2 or 3, and R^{15} is a phenyl group or methoxy group,

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Examples of photopolymerization initiators than can be preferably used in the present invention are as described below:

15 Acetophenone polymerization initiators:

- 1) 1-Phenyl-2-hydroxy-2-methylpropane-1-one,
- 2) 1-Hydroxycyclohexylphenyl ketone, and
- 3) 1-(4-Isopropylphenyl)-2-hydroxy-2-methylpropane-1-one.

α -Dicarbonyl compounds:

- 1) 1,2-Diphenylethanedione, and
- 2) Methylphenylglyoxylate.

Acylphosphine oxide photopolymerization initiators:

- 5 1) 2,6-Dimethylbenzoyldiphenylphosphine oxide,
- 2) 2,4,6-Trimethylbenzoyldiphenylphosphine oxide,
- 3) Methyl 2,4,6-trimethylbenzoyldiphenylphosphinate ester,
- 4) 2,6-Dichlorobenzoyldiphenylphosphine oxide, and
- 10 5) 2,6-Dimethoxybenzoyldiphenylphosphine oxide.

These photopolymerization initiators can be used in a single kind or in a combination of two or more kinds.

Bisacylphosphine oxide photopolymerization initiators:

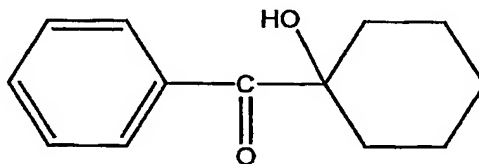
- 1) Bis(2,6-dimethoxybenzoyl)-2,4,4-trimethylpentylphosphine oxide.

Among the preferred photo-initiators are the following photo-initiators:

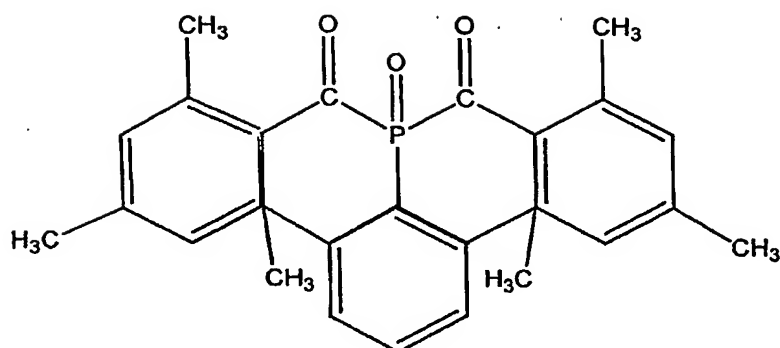
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a 1/1 mixture of benzophenone and 1-hydroxycyclohexylphenyl.

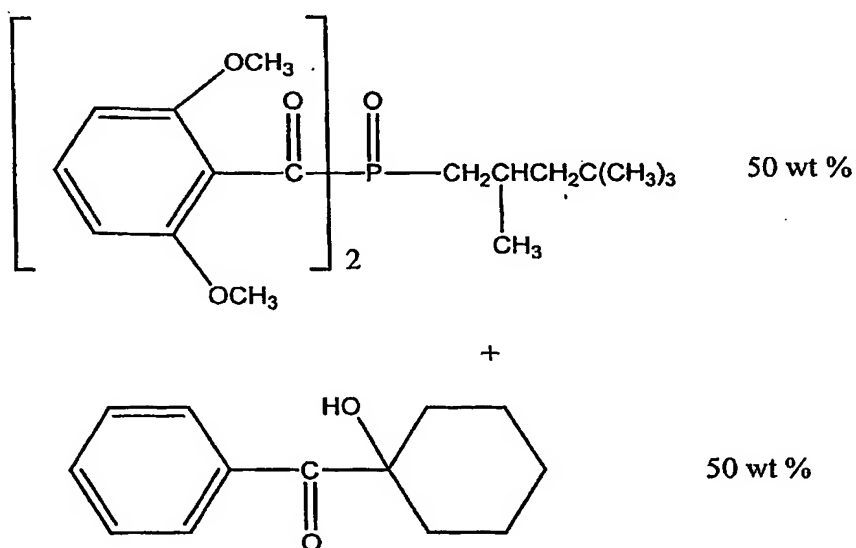
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Irgacure® 1850



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In the present invention, the photo-initiator is added in usual amounts, namely from 0,1 to 5 parts by weight, preferably 1 to 5 parts by weight based on 100 parts by weight of the photopolymerizable monomer of the composition.

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The preferred photocurable adhesive composition of the invention have, after curing, a high refractive index n_D^{25} , ranging from 1.53 to 1.65, preferably 1.56 to 1.6, typically about 1.57 and a glass transition temperature T_g of preferably at least 60°C and more preferably at least 70°C, and even better at least 80°C.

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The photocurable adhesive composition is particularly appropriate for use in coating transfer processes, lamination and over molding processes, in particular for making ophthalmic lenses and other optical articles.

5 Use of the photocurable composition of the invention will now be described as applied to a coating transfer process for making coated substrates such as ophthalmic lenses. It shall be understood that the photocurable adhesive composition of the invention may be used in any coating transfer method and not solely in the process described below.

10 The substrate is preferably a lens blank. Preferably, the main surface of the blank onto which the coating is transferred, is a geometrically defined surface.

By geometrically defined surface of the lens blank or of a mold part, there is meant either an optical surface, that is a surface of required geometry and smoothness or a surface having a required geometry but that
15 may still exhibit some roughness, such as a lens blank that has been grinded and fined, but not polished to the required geometry. The surface roughness typically ranges from $Sq\ 10^{-3}\ \mu m$ to $1\ \mu m$, preferably from 10^{-3} to $0.5\ \mu m$ and most preferably from 10^{-3} to $0.1\ \mu m$.

By optical surface, there is meant a surface of the lens blank or of a
20 mold part that has been ground, fined and polished or molded to required geometry and smoothness.

An important feature of the process of the present invention is that the transfer of the coating onto the geometrically defined surface of the lens blank is performed without any substantial compression of the blank and thus
25 without any risk of deformation of the blank geometry and in particular of the geometrically defined surfaces thereof.

Nevertheless, the pressure exerted on the external surface of the support is preferably substantially maintained at least up to the gelling of the adhesive composition. Maintaining the pressure can be effected through the
30 use of an inflatable membrane placed on the external surface of the support.

Preferably, the applied pressure ranges from 5 to 50 Psi (0.35 to $3.5\ kgf/cm^2$), and more specifically 0.3 to $3\ kgf/cm^2$.

Most preferred range is 5 to 20 Psi (0.35 to $1.40\ kgf/cm^2$).

Using the above described process, coatings may be transferred
35 successively or simultaneously to both front and rear geometrically defined surfaces of the lens blank. The transfer of the coatings may also be

performed only to one side of the lens blank, preferably to the back side (or rear side).

The coating support or carrier may simply be a thin supporting film made of an appropriate material such as a plastic material, for example a polycarbonate film. The coating support is preferably a mold part made of
5 any appropriate material, preferably made of a plastic material especially a thermoplastic material and in particular of polycarbonate.

The working surface of the mold part may have a relief organized according to a pattern, in other words, may be microstructured and may
10 confer to the final lens an optical surface having the properties imparted by the microstructure (for example antireflective properties).

Different techniques for obtaining a microstructured mold part are disclosed in WO99/29494.

The mold part or carrier may be obtained by using known processes
15 such as surfacing, thermoforming, vacuum thermoforming, thermoforming/compression, injection molding, injection/compression molding.

The support, typically a mold part, may be rigid or flexible, but is preferably flexible. Using rigid mold parts necessitates to have a large
20 number of mold parts each comprising a geometrically defined surface whose geometry is adapted to a specific geometry of the geometrically defined surface of a lens blank. In order to avoid the necessity of having such a huge number of different mold parts, the mold part is preferably a flexible mold part, in particular a flexible mold part made of a plastic material such as
25 polycarbonate. When using this flexible mold part it is only necessary to provide the mold part with a surface the geometry of which conforms to the general shape of the optical surface of the lens blanks onto which the coating is to be transferred, either a concave or convex shape, but it is not necessary that this surface strictly corresponds to the geometry of the lens blank
30 surface to be coated. Thus, the same mold part can be used for transferring coatings onto lens blanks having surfaces of different specific geometries. Generally, the flexible mold part has two parallel main surfaces and consequently has an even thickness.

The coating bearing surface of the flexible mold is preferably spherical.

Flexible mold parts would typically have a thickness of 0.2 to 5 mm, preferably of 0.3 to 5 mm. More preferably, the flexible mold part is made of polycarbonate, and in this case the thickness is from 0.5 to 1 mm.

It has been found that the best embodiments of the transfer process
5 are achieved if specific requirements regarding the base curvatures of the mold part and lens blank are fulfilled.

In this patent application, when one refers to the base curvature of the mold part, one means the base curvature of the working surface of the mold part, that is to say the surface which bears the coatings to be transferred to
10 the lens or lens blank.

In the same way, base curvature of the lens or lens blank means the base curvature of the surface to which the coatings are going to be transferred from the above cited mold part.

In this application, the base curvature has the following definition:

15 - For a spheric surface, having a radius of curvature R,

$$\text{Base curvature (or base)} = 530/R \text{ (R in mm);}$$

such kind of definition is quite classical in the art

- For a toric surface, there are two radii of curvature and one calculates, according to the above formula, two base curvatures BR, Br with $BR < Br$.

20 For a coating transfer to a spherical back side of a lens or lens blank, in order to avoid distortions, in particular when using a flexible mold part, the base curvature (BC) of the flexible mold part (front side) must be slightly higher than the base curvature (BL) of the geometrically defined surface of the lens or the lens blank on which the coating is to be transferred. However,
25 BC shall not be too high in order to avoid cracking of the coating during the transfer process or an optical power outside tolerance of the Optical Laboratory Standard Z80.1 after the transfer.

Typically, for a spheric lens or lens blank, base curvature BL of the lens or lens blank and base curvature BC of the flexible mold part shall
30 satisfy the relationship:

$$0 < BC - BL < 1.5$$

Preferably

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$$0.2 < BC - BL < 1$$

For a coating transfer to a toric back side of a lens or a lens blank (cylindric lens or lens blank), having two principal meridians, of radii R and r with $R > r$, it is possible to calculate two base curvatures BLR and BLr corresponding respectively to radii R and r defining the toric surface.

- 5 Base curvatures of the lens BLR and BLr and the base curvature of the flexible mold part shall satisfy the following relationship:

$$BLR < BLr$$

- 10 a) if $BLr - BLR \leq 3.5$
 $0 < BC - BLR < 3$ }
 $|BC - BLr| < 1$ }
 preferably
 $0.2 < BC - BLR < 2.5$ }
 $|BC - BLr| < 0.5$ }

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- b) if $BLr - BLR > 3.5$
 $BLR < BC < BLr$

- 20 When using a rigid mould part, preferably the base curvature of the mould part (BC) is the same as the base curvature of the lens or lens blank (BL).

- Preferably, when moving relatively to each other the mold part and the blank, the contact between coating(s) and curable adhesive composition or between adhesive composition and lens blank geometrically defined surface occurs respectively in the center area of the coated mold part or in the center area of the lens blank geometrically defined surface.

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- In particular in the case of a flexible mold part, the convex front face of the mold part may have a shorter radius of curvature than the concave surface of the blank to be coated. Thus, pressure is applied at the center and the mold part is then deformed to conform to the blank surface. The glue layer is formed starting from the center of the blank, which avoids entrapping air bubbles within the final cured adhesive composition layer. The same will be true using the concave surface of a mold part of longer radius of curvature than a convex blank surface to be coated.

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As previously mentioned, transfer from a flexible mold part may be effected using an inflatable membrane.

The inflatable membrane can be made of any elastomeric material which can be sufficiently deformed by pressurization with appropriate fluid for urging the flexible mold part against the lens or lens blank in conformity with the surface geometry of the lens or the lens blank.

The inflatable membrane can be made of any appropriate elastomeric material. Typically, the inflatable membrane has a thickness ranging from 0.50 mm to 5.0 mm and an elongation of 100 to 800%, and a durometer 10 to 100 Shore A.

For UV curing, then a transparent material shall be selected, for example a transparent silicone rubber or other transparent rubbers or latexes: the UV light is preferably irradiated from the mold side.

The pressure applied to the mold part by the inflatable membrane will preferably range from 30 kPa to 150 kPa and will depend on the lens or lens blank and flexible mold part sizes and curvatures. Of course, the pressure needs to be maintained onto the flexible mold part and the lens or lens blank until the glue or adhesive is sufficiently cured so that enough adhesion of the coating to the lens or lens blank is obtained.

The lens blank can be a lens having one or both of its faces surfaced or casted to the required geometry. (A lens having only one of its faces surfaced or casted to the required geometry is called a semi-finished lens).

Preferably, the lens blank has a first face conferring progressive power and a second face conferring non-progressive power, but of spherical or torical shape onto which coating transfer according to the invention process is preferably performed. Preferably, the progressive face is the front face of the blank.

The lens blank can also be a semi-finished lens wherein one face of the lens, preferably the front face of the lens has previously been treated with an appropriate coating (anti-reflective, hard coat, etc...) and the remaining face, preferably the rear face, of the lens is coated using the transfer process of the invention. The lens blank can be a polarized lens.

Although the following description makes reference to the use of a preferred flexible mold part, it shall be understood that the described process can also be implemented using rigid mold parts.

Referring now to the drawings and in particular to Figs. 1A to 1C, a lens blank 1 having a concave surface 2 is placed on a supporting element 3 with its concave surface 2 facing upwardly. A pre-measured drop of a UV curable adhesive composition 4 according to the invention is then deposited
5 onto the surface 2 of the lens blank 1. A flexible mould part 5 having a convex optical surface, which has been previously coated with a prescribed coating 6, is placed onto a supporting element 7 with its surface bearing the optical coating facing downwardly.

Deposition of coating 6 on the surface of the flexible mold part 5 can
10 be done through any usual deposition process employed in the optical field, such as vacuum deposition, spin coating, brush coating, dip coating etc.... Of course, the deposition process will depend on the nature of the coating layer or layers deposited on the surface of the flexible mold part 5.

Thereafter the supporting elements 3, 7 are moved relatively to each
15 other to bring into contact coating 6 and UV curable adhesive composition drop 4 and a pressure is exerted to the external surface of the mold part opposite to the coating in such a manner that the UV curable adhesive composition drop will spread on the surface 2 of the lens blank 1 and on the coating 6. However, the exerted pressure shall only be sufficient for
20 spreading the drop of adhesive composition in order to obtain the required thickness for the final cured film (generally 100 μm or less) but insufficient to impart any deformation to the lens blank 1.

As shown in Fig. 1B, the assembly formed by the lens blank 1, the adhesive composition film 4, the coating 6 and the mold part 5 is then placed
25 into a device for UV curing the adhesive composition film 4. After UV curing of the film 4, the mold part 5 is withdrawn and a blank 1 having a coating 6 adhered onto its concave surface 2 is recovered as shown in Fig. 1C.

Referring now to Figs. 2A to 2C, there is shown a similar process as described in connection with Figs. 1A to 1B but in which both surfaces of lens
30 blank 1 are coated with a coating by the transfer method of the invention.

As shown in Fig. 2A, a flexible mould part 8, for example a mould part made of polycarbonate having a thickness of 1 mm, whose concave surface has been previously coated with an optical coating 9 is placed onto a supporting element 3. A pre-measured drop 10 of a UV curable adhesive
35 composition is then deposited onto coating 9. A lens blank 1 is then placed

slightly higher than the base curvature of the geometrically defined surface 1a of a lens blank 1.

The whole assembly is placed in front of an inflatable membrane apparatus 10.

5 The inflatable membrane apparatus 10 comprises a fluid accumulator 11, for example an air accumulator provided with fluid port 12, for example an air port connected to a pressurized fluid source (not represented) for introducing pressurized fluid within the accumulator and also evacuating pressurized fluid from the accumulator. the upper face of the accumulator 10
10 comprises a light transparent portion 13, for example a UV transparent quartz glass portion, whereas the lower face of the accumulator 10 comprises a transparent inflatable membrane 14 in register with the transparent quartz glass 13.

As shown in Fig. 3A, the apparatus 10 further comprises a guiding
15 means 15 for laterally guiding the inflatable membrane 14 during inflation thereof. More specifically, this guiding means comprises a tronconical part or funnel 15 projecting outwardly from the lower face of the accumulator 10 and whose greater base is obturated by the inflatable membrane and whose smaller base is a circular opening having a diameter at least equal to the
20 base diameter of the flexible carrier 4 but preferably slightly larger (up to 5 mm larger ...).

Typically, the funnel height will range from 10 to 50 mm, preferably 10 to 25 mm, and will have a taper of 10 to 90°, preferably 30 to 50°.

25 Finally, a light source, for example a UV light source 16 is placed behind the accumulator 10 in front of the transparent quartz plate 13.

Generally, the assembly comprising the lens blank holder 2, the lens blank 1, the adhesive composition drop 3 and the flexible carrier 4 is placed so that the rim of the flexible carrier 4 be within the plan of the rim of the smaller base opening of funnel 15 or separated therefrom by a distance up to
30 50 mm, preferably up to 20 mm.

As shown in Fig. 3B, a pressurized fluid, such as pressurized air, is introduced into the accumulator 11 from an external source (not represented) through entrance 12. The pressure increase within the accumulator, inflates the inflatable membrane 14 uniformly urges the flexible carrier against the
35 lens blank 1, while uniformly spreading the adhesive 3.

The adhesive composition is then UV-cured.

After completion of the curing step, the lens blank 1 is disassembled from the holder 2 and the flexible carrier 4 is removed to recover a lens blank 1 whose geometrically defined surface 1a bears the transferred coating 5.

5 Using the funnel type of apparatus just described, a good coating transfer is obtained, with good optical quality meeting the America Optical laboratory Standard (ANSI Z80.1-1987) as far as the power, cylinder, prism and distortion are concerned.

The membrane guiding means (funnel) is very important to let the
10 membrane expand in good shape and direction for applying an even pressure on the flexible carrier through the lens blank without any extra pressure on the carrier and lens blank edges.

As previously mentioned, the thickness of the final adhesive composition layer after curing is less than 100µm preferably less than 80µm,
15 most preferably less than 50 µm and usually 1 to 30 µm.

The substrates which are highly preferred for the process of the invention are made of any thermoplastic material, in particular, suitable for making optical lenses such as polycarbonate.

However, even if they are not preferred, substrates made of
20 thermosetting (cross linked) materials such as diethyleneglycol bis allylcarbonate polymer (CR39®PCC), polyurethane, polythiourethane, episulfide high index material can be used.

The substrate may optionally contain photochromic compounds.

Preferably, the substrate has a very high refractive index, i.e. a
25 refractive index, n_D^{25} , of 1.56 or more, typically from 1.56 to 1.74 and preferably from 1.57 to 1.59.

A preferred substrate material is polycarbonate (PC).

The transferred coating may comprise any coating layer or stack of coating layers classically used in the optical field, such as a hydrophobic top
30 coat, an anti-reflective coating layer, an anti-abrasion coating layer, an impact resistant coating layer, a polarized coating layer, a photochromic coating layer, an optical-electronical coating, an electric-photochromic coating, a dying coating layer, a printed layer such as a logo or a stack of two or more of these coating layers.

According to a preferred embodiment of the invention, it is transferred to the geometrically defined surface of the lens blank a stack comprising:

- optionally, a hydrophobic top coat;
- an antireflective stack, generally comprising inorganic material such as metal oxide or silica;
- an anti abrasion (hard) coat, preferably comprising a hydrolyzate of one or more epoxysilane (s) and optionally one or more inorganic filler(s) such as colloidal silica;
- optionally, an impact resistant primer, preferably a polyurethane latex or an acrylic latex;

each of the layers of the stack being deposited onto the support in the above recited order.

The method of the invention is particularly interesting for transferring the whole stack comprising "top coat, antireflective coat, hard coat and primer coat".

Generally the thickness of the antireflective coat or stack ranges from 80 nm to 800 nm and preferably 100 nm to 500 nm.

The thickness of the hard coat preferably ranges from 1 to 10 micrometers, preferably from 2 to 6 micrometers. The thickness of the primer coat preferably ranges from 0.5 to 3 micrometers.

Typically, the total thickness of the coating to be transferred is 1 to 500 μm , but is preferably less than 50 μm , more preferably less than 20 micrometers, or even better 10 μm or less.

The following examples illustrate the present invention.

In the examples multilayer coatings deposited on a 6.1 base back curve, 0.5 mm thick PC carrier were transferred onto the surface and polished, untreated back surfaces of polycarbonate lenses (-2.00 D, 5.1 base back curve) using the above described coating transfer process and a flexible membrane apparatus.

Multilayer coating

In all the examples, the multilayer coating comprises hydrophobic top coat/anti-reflective coating/hard coating/primer coating.

STEP 1: Protecting and releasing coating

The composition of the protecting and releasing coating was as follows:

| Component | Parts by weight |
|--|-----------------|
| PETA LQ (acrylic ester of pentaerythritol) | 5.00 |
| Dowanol PnP | 5.00 |
| Dowanol PM | 5.00 |
| n-propanol | 5.00 |
| 1360 (Silicone Hexa-acrylate, Radcure) | 0.10 |
| Coat-O-Sil 3503 (reactive flow additive) | 0.06 |
| Photoinitiator | 0.20 |

The PC carrier is cleaned using soapy water and dried with compressed air. The carrier convex surface is then coated with the above protecting coating composition via spin coating with application speed of 600 rpm for 3 seconds and dry speed of 1200 rpm for 6 seconds. The coating is cured using Fusion System H+ bulb at a rate of 1.524 m/minute (5 feet per minute).

STEP 2: Hydrophobic top coat and anti-reflective (AR) coating

The PC carrier after deposition of the protecting coating is vacuum coated as follows:

A/ Standard Vacuum AR Treatment: The Vacuum AR treatment is accomplished in a standard box coater using well known vacuum evaporation practices. The following is one procedure for obtaining the VAR on the mold:

1. The carrier having the protective coating already applied on the surface, is loaded into a standard box coater and the chamber is pumped to a high vacuum level.
2. Hydrophobic coating (Chemical = Shin Etsu KP801M) is deposited onto the surface of the carrier using a thermal evaporation technique, to a thickness in the range of 2-15 nm.

3. The dielectric multilayer AR coating, consisting of a stack of sublayers of high and low index materials is then deposited, in reverse of the normal order. Details of this deposition are as such:

The optical thicknesses of the alternating low and high index layers
5 are presented in the table:

| | |
|------------|------------|
| Low index | 103-162 nm |
| High index | 124-190 nm |
| Low index | 19-37 nm |
| High index | 37-74 nm |

- 10 B/ At the completion of the deposition of the four-layer anti-reflection stack, a thin layer of SiO_2 , comprising of a physical thickness of 1-50 nm, is deposited. This layer is to promote adhesion between the oxide anti-reflection stack and a lacquer hard-coating which will be deposited on the coated mold at a later time.

15 STEP 3: Hard Coat (HC) & Latex primer coating

The composition of the hard coating is as follows:

| Component | Parts by weight |
|--------------------------------|-----------------|
| Glymo | 21.42 |
| 0.1N HCl | 4.89 |
| Colloidal silica | 30.50 |
| Methanol | 29.90 |
| Diacetone alcohol | 3.24 |
| Aluminium acetylacetonate | 0.45 |
| Coupling agent | 9.00 |
| Surfactant FC-430 (3M company) | 0.60 |

The composition of the primer is as follows:

| Component | Parts by weight |
|--------------------------|-----------------|
| Polyurethane latex W-234 | 35.0 |
| Deionized water | 50.0 |
| 2-Butoxy ethanol | 15.0 |
| Coupling agent | 5.00 |

5 The PC carrier after deposition of protecting coating and AR coating in Steps 1 and 2 is then spin coated by HC solution at 600 rpm/1200 rpm, and precured 10 minutes at 80°C, and again spin coated by latex primer solution at the same speed and postcured for 1 hour at 80°C.

The coupling agent is a precondensed solution of:

| Component | Parts by weight |
|---|-----------------|
| GLYMO (Glycidoxypopyltrimethoxysilane) | 10 |
| Acryloxypopyltriméthoxysilane | 10 |
| 0.1 N HCl | 0.5 |
| Aluminum acetylacetonate | 0.5 |
| Diacetone alcohol | 1.0 |

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Transfer parameters

- photocurable adhesive composition:
a few drops (0.5 – 0.7 g) are placed in center of lens, or one drop in
15 center and four equidistant from center.
- membrane pressure (pressure applied by the membrane on the mold)
10 or 12 psi (0.689 or 0.827 bar)
- UV irradiation
20 Dymax 2000-EC flood UV light with bulb part n°35008, intensity 135 mW/cm².
- Exposure time:
40 seconds, after obtaining membrane set point.

After the transfer process, the lenses were edged to 65 mm diameter to allow carrier removal, then hand washed with soapy water, rinsed with tap water and then deionized water, air dried and inspected.

5 Testing and inspection procedures

- Adhesion is measured using the cross-hatch adhesion test according to ISTM 02010, using 3M SCOTCH® n°600 transparent tape.

10 25 squares are formed.

Adhesion is rated as follows:

| Adhesion score | Squares removed | Area % left intact |
|----------------|-----------------|--------------------|
| 0 | 0 | 100 |
| 1 | < 1 | 96 |
| 2 | 1 to 4 | 96-84 |
| 3 | > 4 to 9 | 83-64 |
| 4 | > 9 to 16 | 63-36 |
| 5 | > 16 | < 36 |

- Resistance to thermal cracking is determined by the measure of the critical temperature (Tc) according to ISTM method n°02032.

15 The critical temperature Tc of an anti-reflective treated lens is that temperature at which crazing (fine cracking) of the anti-reflective treatment is first noted by visual inspection. Lenses are placed in a temperature controlled oven (50°C to start) for one hour, then removed and quickly examined for
 20 crazing. If no crazing is noted, the lenses are then placed in an oven, 10°C higher in temperature than the previous oven. The process is repeated until crazing is noted, or the lens survives 100°C.

If crazing is found on a lens immediately after removal from the oven, but is not visible 24 hours later (kept at room temperature), the reported
 25 critical temperature is modified with a "+" suffix.

A coated lens is considered as resistant to thermal cracking if Tc > 60°C, preferably Tc ≥ 65°C.

- Haze and application stain levels were visually determined using a standard R17 application lamp with Vita-Life 15 Watt fluorescent bulb and then a mini-spot 41601 lamp manufactured by OSRAM.

The lenses were viewed with the incident light approximately normal to the lens surface. Haze is defined as a general cloudiness or diffusion of the light over a large area of the lens. The inspection is made visually.

The mini-spot lamp is more accurate than the lamp with the Vita-Life bulb.

10 Comparative examples C1 to C10

Several mono and difunctional acrylate and methacrylate monomers were individually used as photocurable adhesive compositions. All compositions also contain 0.2 % by weight of Irgacure® 500 as photoinitiator.

The resulting coated lenses were tested for adhesion and haze level.

15 The monomers used and results are given in table 1.

Table 1

| Example | Monomer | Adhesion | Haze |
|---------|---|-------------------------|------|
| C1 | Isobornyl acrylate (SR 423A) | Did not completely cure | N/A |
| C2 | THF-acrylate (SR 285) | 0 | YES |
| C3 | 1,6-hexanediol diacrylate (SR 238) | 0 | YES |
| C4 | Diethyleneglycol diacrylate (SR 230) | 0 | YES |
| C5 | Tetraethyleneglycol dimethacrylate (SR 209) | 5 | YES |
| C6 | Adhesion promoting triacrylate (SR 9012) | 5 | NO |
| C7 | 4EO bisphenol-A dimethacrylate (CD 540) | 4 | NO |
| C8 | 8EO bisphenol-A dimethacrylate (CD 542) | 5 | NO |
| C9 | 10EO bisphenol-A dimethacrylate (SR 480) | 5 | NO |
| C10 | Bis(methacryloylthioethyl)sulfide (BMTES) | 5 | NO |

Initiator: Irgacure 500 (2 wt %) (by weight of monomer composition).

20 SR 9012 is a trifunctional acrylate ester / unsaturated cyclic dione.

Table 1 shows that if most acrylate homopolymers result in good adhesion of the coating to the lens they lead to non acceptable haze. On the contrary, the ethoxylated aromatic methacrylate and thiomethacrylate homopolymers result in no haze but fail regarding the adhesion requirement.

Comparative examples C11 to C13

Binary monomer blends containing 1 % by weight of Irgacure[®] 500 (examples C1 and C12) and Irgacure[®] 819 (example C12) are used as photocurable adhesive compositions.

Formulations of the blends and results regarding adhesion, haze, application stain and critical temperature Tc are given in Table 2.

Table 2

| Example | Monomer blend | Adhesion | Haze | Application Stain | Tc (°C) |
|---------|---|----------|------|-------------------|---------|
| C11 | 1,6 hexane diol diacrylate/8EO bisphenol-A- dimethacrylate (50/50 wt %) | 0 | YES | NO | ≤ 60 |
| C12 | Diethyleneglycoldiacrylate/8EO bisphenol-A-dimethacrylate (50/50 wt %) | 0 | YES | NO | ≤ 60 |
| C13 | Diethylene glycol diacrylate/8EO bisphenol-A-dimethacrylate (70/30) | 0 | YES | NO | 70 |

The results of Table 2 show that if binary blends lead to adequate adhesion they still fail regarding haze and/or critical temperature and/or application stain.

Examples 1 to 3

Ternary blends according to the invention are used as photocurable adhesive compositions. Formulations as well as test results are given in Table 3.

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Table 3

| <u>Formulation</u> | <u>EXAMPLE</u> | | |
|--|----------------|-------|-------|
| Monomer (% by weight) | 1 | 2 | 3 |
| BMTES | 40 | 40 | 40 |
| Diethyleneglycol diacrylate | 30 | 30 | 30 |
| 2EO bisphenol-A-dimethacrylate | 30 | - | - |
| 4EO bisphenol-A-dimethacrylate | - | 30 | - |
| 8EO bisphenol-A-dimethacrylate | - | - | 30 |
| Photoinitiator Irgacure® 819 (% wt) (1) | 3 | 3 | 3 |
| <u>Properties</u> | | | |
| Adhesion | 0 | 0 | 0 |
| Haze | NO | NO | NO |
| Application stain | NO | NO | NO |
| T _c (°C) | 60-70 | 70-80 | 60-70 |

(1): % by weight of the monomer (total weight of monomer).

10 Results in Table 3 show that ternary compositions according to the invention fulfil all requirements regarding adhesion, haze, application stain and critical temperature.

Several commercially available photocurable adhesive compositions are used for coating transfer and tested as above.

15 Compositions and results are given in Table 4.

Table 4

| Company | Product | Cure Comments | X-tch Adhesion | Haze | Application stain | Tc (°c) |
|---------------------------|----------------------|---------------|----------------|------|-------------------|---------|
| Dymax Corporation | OP-4-20628 | CST | 0 | YES | YES | NT |
| | OP-42B | IST/EC | 4-5 | NO | 0 | NT |
| | X-301-44-2 | EC | 1 | NO | 0 | NT |
| | X-415-102-A | IST/EC | 5 | n/a | n/a | NT |
| | X-410-96-1 | IST/EC | 0 | NO | 0 | 50 |
| | OP-4-20632 | NO TRANSFER | 5 | n/a | n/a | NT |
| | OP-40 #54194 | CST | 5 | n/a | n/a | NT |
| | 3-20256 #72521 | CST | 0 | YES | yes | NT |
| | X-372-45-1 #00327 | CST | 0 | NO | ? | 50 |
| | X-372-45-1 #03191 | CST | 0 | NO | no? | 50 |
| | 1128M # 28542-26083 | CST | 5 | YES | yes | NT |
| | 1181-M #28542-27047 | IST | 0 | YES | yes | NT |
| | 1186-M #28542-27887 | EC | 5 | YES | 0 | NT |
| | 1191-M #28542-23578 | EC | 0 | NO | 0 | NT |
| | 1-20560 #28542-25319 | EC | 0 | YES | 0 | NT |
| | OP-54 | NO TRANSFER | 5 | n/a | n/a | NT |
| | OP-30 | EC | 1-2 | YES | 0 | NT |
| | OP-61-LS | CURED OPAQUE | n/a | n/a | n/a | NT |
| | OP-21 | EC+ | 0 | NO | 0 | NT |
| | OP-29V | EC+ | 5 | n/a | n/a | NT |
| | OP-29V | EC+ | 1-2 | NO | 0 | NT |
| Norland Optical Adhesives | NOA 61 | IST/EC | 5 | n/a | n/a | NT |
| | NOA 65 | IST/EC | 5 | n/a | n/a | NT |
| | NOA 68 | IST/EC | 5 | n/a | n/a | NT |
| | NOA 81 | IST/EC | 5 | n/a | n/a | NT |
| | NOA 83H | e.c. | 5 | n/a | n/a | NT |
| Loctite | 3104-23694 | CST | 0 | YES | yes | NT |
| | 3105-23695 | CST | 0 | NO | 0 | 50 |
| | 3494 | IST | 0 | NO | 0 | 50 |
| Epoxy Technology, INC. | FT-01616 (X-245622) | IST | 0 | NO | 0 | 50 |
| | EPO-TEK OG144 | CST | 5 | n/a | n/a | NT |
| | EPO-TEK OG142-13 | IST/EC | 5 | n/a | n/a | NT |
| Summers Optical | Type SK-9 Lens Bond | CST | 5 | n/a | n/a | NT |
| | Type J-91 Lens Bond | IST | 5 | n/a | n/a | NT |
| S.C. Radco Cyberlife | 222A | CST | 5 | n/a | n/a | NT |
| | 4436 | CST/EC | 2-3 | NO | 0 | NT |

NT= not tested due to earlier failure

Cure comments abbreviations

- 5 CST Complete stack transfer
- IST Incomplete stack transfer
- EC Edge cracks during BST process
- 10 EC+ Extensive edge cracking
- n/a non applicable

- 15 Table 4 shows that none of the commercially available adhesives lead to final coated lenses having the whole set of required properties.

Example of calculation of the solubility parameters.

- 20 The following example will show, step by step, how the solubility parameter for neopentylglycol diacrylate was calculated. The solubility parameter calculation is based on the technique of group contribution, which assumes that each functional group in a molecule contributes additively to a thermodynamic property. Hoy's group contribution values are derived from vapor pressure measurements.

- 25 The energy of vaporization is given by:

$$\Delta E^v = \sum_j n_j \Delta e_j$$

- 30 where n_j is the number of groups of type j in the molecule, and Δe_j is the energy of vaporization contribution for group j .

Hoy's (and others) group contribution values are reported as molar attraction constants (F), which are related to the energy of vaporization in the following way:

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$$F_j = \sqrt{\Delta E^v_{i,j} V_{i,j}}$$

where V_i is the molar volume of the molecule.

The solubility parameter (δ) for a molecule is related to the molar attraction constants in the following way:

$$\delta_j = \sqrt{\frac{\Delta E_i^v V_i}{V_i^2}} = \frac{\sum_j F_j}{V_i} = \frac{\rho_{ij} \sum_j F_j}{M_i}$$

where ρ_{ij} is the density of the molecule, and M_i is the molecular weight.

Step 1

The molecule is deconstructed into the different functional groups which are listed by Hoy. Fig. 1 shows a ball-and-stick drawing of neopentylglycol diacrylate. The different functional groups have been numbered, with multiple occurrences of the same functional group being given the same number.

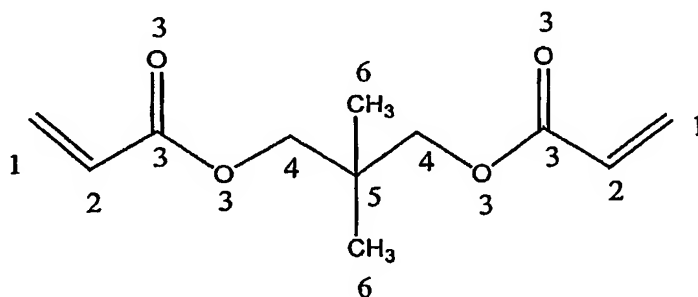


Figure 1

3 = COO group

Step 2

The group contribution values of each functional group occurrence are tabulated (as shown in Table 5).

TABLE 5

| Group n° | Group Type | # of occurrences | Group contr. Value | Total group contr. Value |
|----------|-------------------------|------------------|--------------------|--------------------------|
| 1 | Unsat. =CH ₂ | 2 | 259 | 518 |
| 2 | Unsat. =CH- | 2 | 249 | 498 |
| 3 | Carboxylic – COO- | 2 | 688 | 1376 |
| 4 | Sat. –CH ₂ - | 2 | 269 | 538 |
| 5 | Sat. =C= | 1 | 65 | 65 |
| 6 | Methyl –CH ₃ | 2 | 303 | 606 |

5 Step 3

The total group contribution values are added, then multiplied by the monomer density, with the resultant number being divided by the monomer molecular weight. This yields the solubility parameter for the monomer.

10 Density of neopentylglycol diacrylates = 1.031, and the molecular weight is 212 (Sartomer Co. Data).

$$(518+498+1376+65+606) = 3601$$

$$(3601 \cdot 1.031 / 212 = 17.51(\text{MPa})^{1/2} \cdot \{(\text{cal}/\text{cm}^3)^{1/2} / 2.046(\text{MPa})^{1/2}\} = 8.56 (\text{cal}/\text{cm}^3)^{1/2}.$$

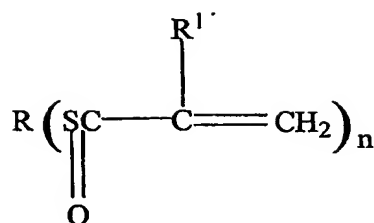
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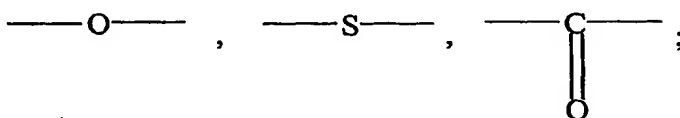
CLAIMS

1. A photocurable adhesive composition comprising, based on total weight of photopolymerizable monomers and/or oligomers:
 - 20 to 60 wt% of at least one mono or polyacrylate monomer or oligomer thereof, (A);
 - 20 to 50 wt% of at least one thio(meth)acrylate monomer or oligomer thereof, (B); and
 - 20 to 40 wt% of at least one aromatic dimethacrylate monomer or oligomer thereof (C);with the proviso that the composition does not contain a brominated monofunctional acrylate.
2. The photocurable adhesive of claim 1, wherein the at least one mono or polyacrylate monomer (A) has a solubility parameter from 8 to 12 (cal/cm³)^{1/2}.
3. The photocurable adhesive composition of claim 2, wherein the at least one mono or polyacrylate monomer (A) has a solubility parameter from 8.5 to 11.5 (cal/cm³)^{1/2}.
4. The photocurable adhesive composition of claim 1, wherein the at least one mono or polyacrylate monomer (A) has a molecular weight < 500.
5. The photocurable adhesive composition of claim 4, wherein the at least one mono or polyacrylate monomer (A) has a molecular weight of ≤ 350.
6. The photocurable adhesive composition of claim 1, wherein the at least one monomer (A) is a low refractive index monomer.

7. The photocurable adhesive composition of claim 1, wherein the mono or polyacrylate monomer (A) is a non-aromatic mono or polyacrylate monomer.
8. The photocurable adhesive composition of claim 1, wherein monomer (A) is diethyleneglycol diacrylate, triethyleneglycol diacrylate, tetraethyleneglycol diacrylate, neopentylglycoldiacrylate, 1,6-hexanediol diacrylate, or tetrahydrofurfuryl acrylate.
9. The photocurable adhesive composition of claim 1 comprising:
 - 20 to 50 wt% of at least one mono or polyacrylate monomer or oligomer thereof (A);
 - 30 to 50 wt% of at least one thio(meth)acrylate monomer or oligomer thereof (B); and
 - 20 to 40 wt% of at least one aromatic dimethacrylate monomer or oligomer thereof (C).
10. The photocurable adhesive composition of claim 9 comprising:
 - 20 to 40 wt% of at least one mono or polyacrylate monomer or oligomer thereof (A);
 - 35 to 45 wt% of at least one thio(meth)acrylate monomer or oligomer thereof (B); and
 - 25 to 35 wt% of at least one aromatic dimethacrylate monomer or oligomer thereof (C).
11. The photocurable adhesive composition of claim 1, wherein the at least one thio(meth)acrylate monomer (B) is a high refractive index monomer.
12. The photocurable adhesive composition of claim 1, wherein the at least one thio(meth)acrylate monomer (B) is a monomer of formula:



wherein R is a linear or branched, monovalent or polyvalent, aliphatic hydrocarbon radical, or a monovalent or polyvalent aromatic group directly linked to the sulfur atom of the thio(meth)acrylate group(s) through an aromatic ring or by means of a linear alkyl chain, the radical R may include in its chain one or more of:



R¹ is H or -CH₃; and

n is an integer from 1 to 6.

13. The photocurable adhesive composition of claim 1, wherein the at least one aromatic dimethacrylate monomer (C) is an ethoxylated bisphenol-A monomer.
14. The photocurable adhesive composition of claim 1, further comprising at least one photoinitiator.
15. The photocurable adhesive composition of claim 14, wherein the photoinitiator represents 0.1 to 5 parts by weight for 100 parts by weight of the polymerizable monomers.
16. The photocurable adhesive composition of claim 1, wherein, after curing, the adhesive composition has a refractive index of 1.53 to 1.65.
17. A process for transferring a coating from a support onto a surface of a thermoplastic material substrate comprising:

providing a thermoplastic material substrate having at least one main surface;

providing a support having an internal surface bearing a coating and an external surface;

depositing on the main surface of the substrate or on the coating a pre-measured amount of a curable adhesive composition comprising, based on total weight of photopolymerizable monomers and/or oligomers of the composition:

20 to 60 wt% of at least one mono or polyacrylate monomer or oligomer thereof, (A);

20 to 50 wt% of at least one thio(meth)acrylate monomer or oligomer thereof, (B); and

20 to 40 wt% of at least one aromatic dimethacrylate monomer or oligomer thereof (C);

with the proviso that the composition does not contain a brominated monofunctional acrylate;

moving relatively to each other the substrate and the support to either bring the coating into contact with the curable adhesive composition or bring the curable adhesive composition into contact with the main surface of the substrate;

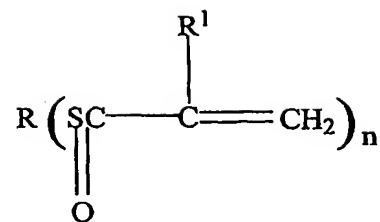
applying a sufficient pressure onto the external surface of the support so that the thickness of a final adhesive layer, once the curable adhesive composition has cured, is less than 100 μm ;

curing the layer of adhesive composition; and

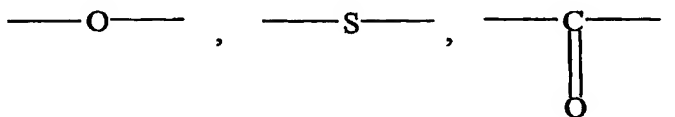
withdrawing the support to recover a substrate with the coating adhered onto its main surface, wherein the curable adhesive composition is a photocurable adhesive composition as defined in claim 1.

18. The process of claim 17, wherein the thermoplastic material of the substrate is a high refractive index material.

19. The process of claim 17, wherein the thermoplastic material of the substrate is polycarbonate.
20. The process of claim 17, wherein the at least one mono or polyacrylate monomer (A) has a solubility parameter from 8 to 12 $(\text{cal}/\text{cm}^3)^{1/2}$.
21. The process of claim 20, wherein the at least one mono or polyacrylate monomer (A) has a solubility parameter from 8.5 to 11.5 $(\text{cal}/\text{cm}^3)^{1/2}$.
22. The process of claim 17, wherein the at least one mono or polyacrylate monomer (A) has a molecular weight < 500 .
23. The process of claim 22, wherein the at least one monomer (A) has a molecular weight of ≤ 350 .
24. The process of claim 17, wherein the at least one monomer (A) is a low refractive index monomer.
25. The process of claim 17, wherein the mono or polyacrylate monomer (A) is a non-aromatic mono or polyacrylate monomer.
26. The process of claim 17, wherein monomer (A) is diethyleneglycol diacrylate, triethyleneglycol diacrylate, tetraethyleneglycol diacrylate, neopentylglycoldiacrylate, 1,6-hexanediol diacrylate, or tetrahydrofurfuryl acrylate.
27. The process of claim 17, wherein the at least one thio(meth)acrylate monomer (B) is a high refractive index monomer.
28. The process of claim 17, wherein the at least one thio(meth)acrylate monomer (B) is of formula:



wherein R is a linear or branched, monovalent or polyvalent, aliphatic hydrocarbon radical, or a monovalent or polyvalent aromatic group directly linked to the sulfur atom of the thio(meth)acrylate group(s) through an aromatic ring or by means of a linear alkyl chain, the radical R may include in its chain one or more of:



R¹ is H or -CH₃; and

n is an integer from 1 to 6.

29. The process of claim 28, wherein n is an integer from 1 to 3.
30. The process of claim 17, wherein the at least one aromatic dimethacrylate monomer (C) is an ethoxylated bisphenol-A monomer.
31. The process of claim 17, wherein based on the total weight of the photopolymerizable monomers of the composition, mono or polyacrylate monomer (A) represents 25 to 40%, thio(meth)acrylate monomer (B) represents 35 to 45% and aromatic dimethacrylate monomer (C) represents 25 to 35%.
32. The process of claim 17, wherein the curable adhesive composition further comprises at least one photoinitiator.
33. The process of claim 32, wherein the photoinitiator represents 0.1 to 5 parts by weight for 100 parts by weight of the photopolymerizable monomers.

34. The process of claim 17, wherein the substrate is a lens blank, and the main surface is a geometrically defined surface of the lens blank.

35. The process of claim 34, wherein the support is a flexible support part having an internal surface conformable to a geometrically defined surface of the lens blank when brought into contact therewith.

36. The process of claim 34, wherein the support is made of polycarbonate.

37. The process of claim 34, wherein the support has a thickness of 0.3 to 1 mm.

38. The process of claim 17, wherein the thickness of the final cured adhesive layer is less than 80 μm .

39. The process of claim 17, wherein the thickness of the final cured adhesive layer is less than 50 μm .

40. The process of claim 17, wherein the final cured adhesive layer has a refractive index of 1.53 to 1.65.

41. The process of claim 17, wherein the exerted pressure ranges from 5 to 50 Psi.

42. The process of claim 17, wherein the coating comprises a hydrophobic top coat, an anti-reflective coating layer, an anti-abrasion coating layer, an impact resistant coating layer, a photochromic coating layer, a dying coating layer, a polarized coating layer, a printed layer, or a stack comprising two or more such coating layers.

43. The process of claim 42, wherein the coating has a thickness of 50 μm or less.

44. The process of claim 17, wherein the substrate is a semi-finished lens having one face already provided with a coating.
45. The process of claim 44, wherein the face already provided with a coating is the front face of the lens and the geometrically defined surface onto which the coating is transferred is the back surface of the lens.
46. The process of claim 35, wherein the flexible support is urged against the lens blank by means of an inflatable membrane.
47. An overmolding process comprising:
providing a thermoplastic material substrate having at least one main surface;
providing a mold part having an internal surface and an external surface;
depositing on the main surface of the substrate or on the internal surface of the mold part a pre-measured amount of a curable adhesive composition comprising, based on the total weight of the photopolymerizable monomers and/or oligomers of the composition:
20 to 60 wt% of at least one mono or polyacrylate monomer or oligomer thereof, (A);
20 to 50 wt% of at least one thio(meth)acrylate monomer or oligomer thereof, (B); and
20 to 40 wt% of at least one aromatic dimethacrylate monomer or oligomer thereof (C);
with the proviso that the composition does not contain a brominated monofunctional acrylate;
moving relatively to each other the substrate and the mold part to either bring the internal surface of the mold part or the main surface of the substrate in contact with the curable adhesive composition;

applying a sufficient pressure onto the external surface of the mold part to uniformly spread the curable adhesive composition and form a uniform layer, which, when cured, has a thickness of at least 200 μm ;
curing the layer of adhesive composition; and
withdrawing the mold parts to recover the substrate overmolded with a cured layer of the curable adhesive composition.

48. The overmolding process of claim 47, wherein a coating to be transferred is applied to the internal surface of the mold part before depositing the curable adhesive composition.

49. The overmolding process of claim 47, wherein the overmolded cured layer of curable adhesive composition has a thickness of at least 500 μm .

50. A process for making laminated thermoplastic articles comprising:
depositing a pre-measured amount of a photocurable adhesive composition on a main surface of a first part made of thermoplastic material;
bringing into contact the deposited photocurable adhesive composition with a main surface of a second part made of thermoplastic material;
pressing the first and second parts against each other to uniformly spread the curable adhesive composition to form a uniform thin layer; and
photocuring the thin layer to obtain a laminated article, wherein the photocurable adhesive composition comprises, based on total weight of photopolymerizable monomers and/or ligomers of the composition:
20 to 60 wt% of at least one mono or polyacrylate monomer or oligomer thereof, (A);

20 to 50 wt% of at least one thio(meth)acrylate monomer or oligomer thereof, (B); and

20 to 40 wt% of at least one aromatic dimethacrylate monomer or oligomer thereof (C);

with the proviso that the composition does not contain a brominated monofunctional acrylate.

51. The process of claim 50, wherein the article is an ophthalmic lens.

ABSTRACT

The invention concerns a photocurable adhesive composition comprising, based on the total weight of the photopolymerizable monomers
5 and/or oligomers of the composition:

20 to 60 wt% of at least one mono or polyacrylate monomer or oligomer thereof (A);

20 to 50 wt% of at least one thio(meth)acrylate monomer or oligomer thereof (B); and

10 20 to 40 wt% of at least one aromatic dimethacrylate monomer or oligomer thereof (C) with the proviso that the composition does not contain a brominated monofunctional acrylate.

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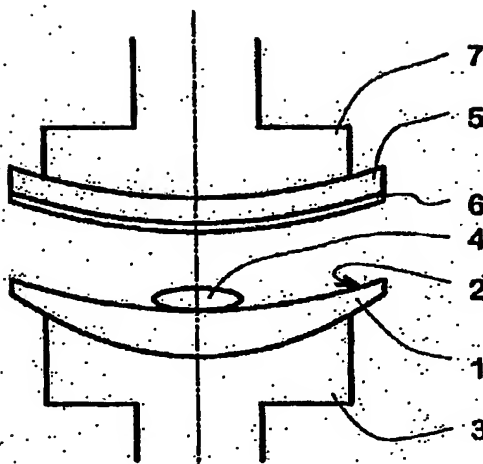


FIG. 1A

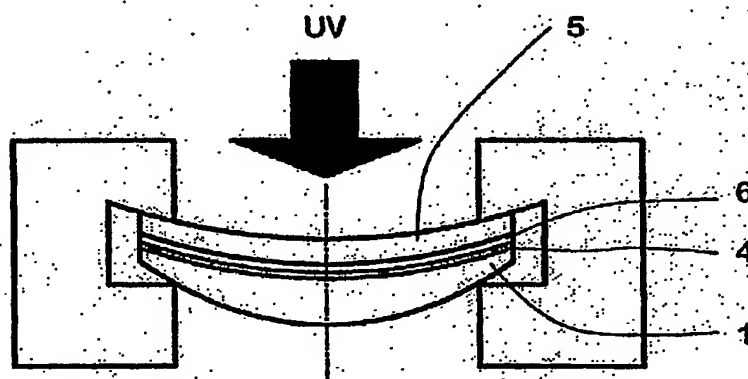


FIG. 1B

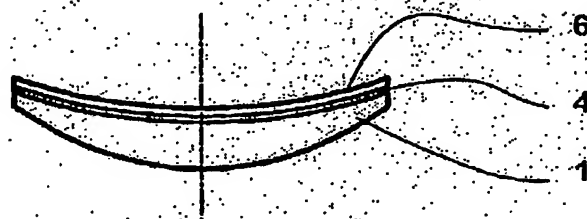


FIG. 1C

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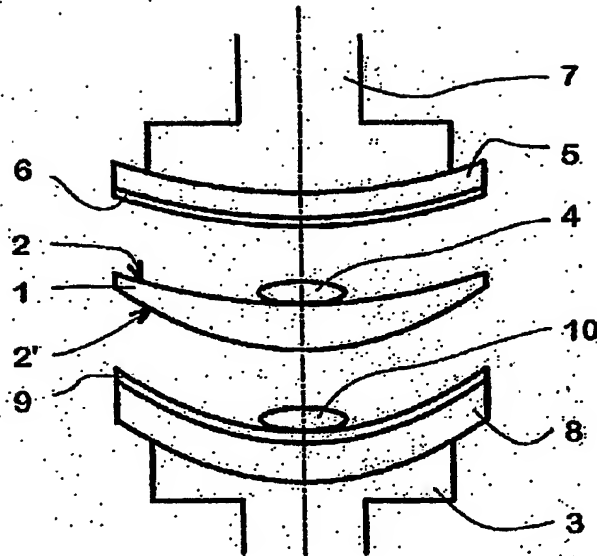


FIG. 2A

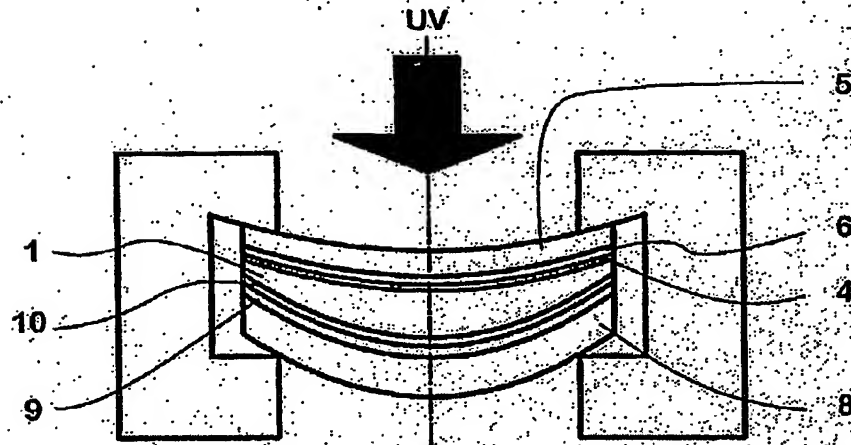


FIG. 2B



FIG. 2C

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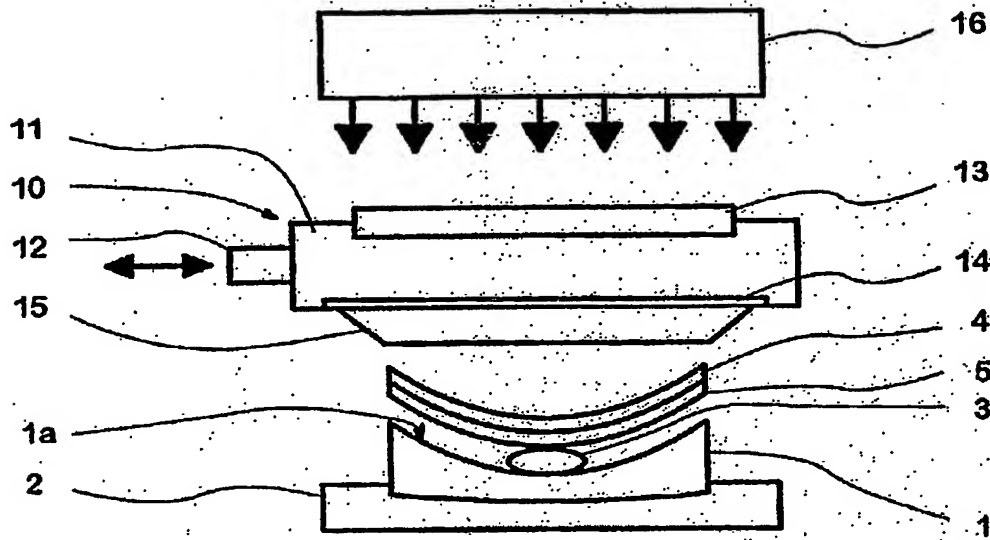


FIG. 3A

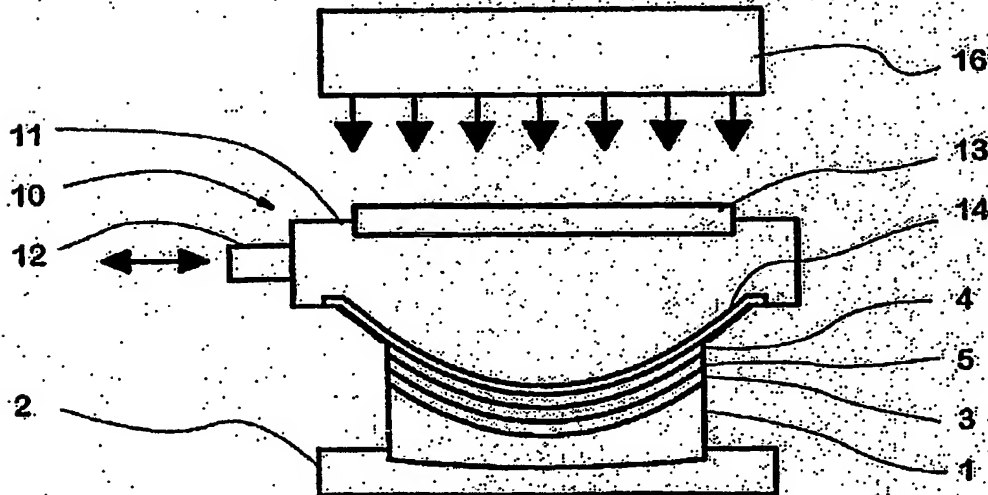


FIG. 3B